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Southern District of New York  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, 2230  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: United States v. Rodriguez et al.,  
S1 07 Cr. 699 (HB)**

Dear Judge Baer:

The Government respectfully submits this letter-brief in opposition to defendants Bryant De Los Santos, Demi Abriham, and Pedro Cabrera's motions to suppress post-arrest statements and physical evidence recovered by member of the Joint Firearms Task Force ("JTFT"), and to dismiss the indictment based upon "outrageous" government conduct, in connection with the defendants' arrest on June 27, 2007, for conspiracy to commit robbery and conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine. As discussed below, all of the motions filed by the defendants are without merit, and should be denied. A hearing is scheduled for November 19, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The defendants are charged in a two Count Indictment with conspiracy to commit a robbery, and with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, and Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. (A copy of the Superseding Indictment is attached as Exhibit A).

As alleged in the Complaint, in early June 2007, a confidential informant ("CI"), who had provided reliable information to law enforcement in the past, told law enforcement about a group of individuals who he had committed robberies with in the past. (See Compl. ¶ 3), a copy of the Complaint is attached as Exhibit B.) According to the CI, he knew one of the individuals as "Flaco," later identified as Lorenzo Rodriguez, a/k/a "Flaco," one of the defendants in this case. "Flaco," according to the CI, was the organizer of the group, and was able

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to recruit other individuals to assist in robberies. (Id. ¶ 3.) Thereafter, the CI made several consensually monitored and recorded telephone calls to "Flaco" discussing setting up a robbery of a drug dealer who purportedly would have approximately 25 kilograms of cocaine. (Id. ¶¶ 4, 5.) Eventually, an undercover ("UC") special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives ("ATF"), was introduced to "Flaco" over the telephone by the CI. (Id. ¶ 5.) The CI told "Flaco" that the UC would fly to New York from Puerto Rico to provide information on where several kilograms of cocaine would be delivered. The UC also contacted "Flaco" on several occasions, and eventually told "Flaco" that he was coming to New York. (Id.)

On or about June 25, 2007, the CI and the UC contacted "Flaco" and arranged to meet at a hotel the following day. (Id. ¶ 6.) On June 26, 2007, at approximately 2:00 p.m., the UC contacted "Flaco," and told him that he was staying at a hotel near JFK airport. During the course of this conversation, the UC told "Flaco" to bring all of the people who were going to be part of the robbery. The UC told "Flaco" that he wanted to meet them to make sure they knew who he was. (Id. ¶ 6.) Later that day, at approximately 5:00 p.m., Rodriguez and Jose Cirrasquillo, a/k/a "Tio," came to the hotel room to meet with the UC. (Id. ¶ 7.) This meeting was recorded using audio and video equipment, JFTF members monitored the meeting in a hotel room next door to where the meeting took place. (Id. ¶ 7.)

At this meeting, the UC told Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo that he worked for a company that transported cocaine for a group of Colombians. (Id. ¶ 8.) The UC also told Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo that his organization was upset with the Colombians because they were not getting paid. (Id. ¶ 8.) This, according to the UC, was why the UC wanted to steal the cocaine. The UC asked Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo if this job was too big for them, and they said that it was not. (Id. ¶ 8.) The UC told Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo that he picks up between 25 and 30 kilograms of cocaine every few months in New York for this organization. The defendants asked the UC what he typically does with the cocaine after he picks it up. The UC informed the defendants that he drives the cocaine to Miami, Florida. (Id. ¶ 8.) The UC told Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo that he picks up the cocaine from a location in the Bronx. The UC told them that he would not learn the location of the house until the following morning. (Id. ¶ 8.) The UC told Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo that the way the organization operates is that if he leaves the location with the cocaine, then he is responsible for it. (Id. ¶ 8.) Therefore, the robbery had to take place at the location where the drugs were stored. The UC told Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo that there would be three individuals inside the

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house, and that at least one of the individuals would be armed. (Id. ¶ 8.)

Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo discussed how the robbery would take place. The defendants told the UC that they would enter the location, order everyone to the ground, and tie up everyone. (Id. ¶ 8.) They also told the UC that they would tie him up as well, so that it did not look suspicious. In addition, Cirrasquillo told the UC that he would take the UC's chain and watch to protect the UC. When describing the way they would enter the house, Cirrasquillo made a motion with his hands appearing to be carrying a firearm. (Id. ¶ 8.) Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo also asked the UC about the neighborhood where the robbery would take place. (Id. ¶ 8.)

The UC asked Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo how many other individuals were going to participate in the robbery. Cirrasquillo responded that he was going to recruit several other individuals to participate in the robbery with them. (Id. ¶ 8.)

The UC discussed with Rodriguez and Cirrasquilla how they would divide the proceeds of the robbery. They agreed that the UC would get 10 kilograms of cocaine, and the other participants would receive the rest. (Id. ¶ 8.) They agreed that if there was more than 30 kilograms of cocaine, they would further negotiate a different split. The UC told Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo to have everyone available the following day by 12:00 p.m., and told them that he would call Rodriguez at approximately 2:00 p.m. and tell them where to meet in the Bronx. (Id. ¶ 8.) The UC told the defendants that he would receive a telephone call at approximately 3:00 p.m. with the location of the cocaine. (Id. ¶ 8.) He also told them that, prior to doing the robbery, he was going to provide them with a van for them to use during the robbery. (Id. ¶ 8.) The UC told Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo that they should return the van, with his share of the cocaine, to the same location after the robbery. (Id. ¶ 8.)

Following the meeting at the hotel on June 26, 2007, Rodriguez called the UC at approximately 9:30 p.m. This telephone call was recorded. (Id. ¶ 9.) During the course of this conversation, Rodriguez told the UC that he had discussed the plan with his people, and that there was a "small problem." (See Exhibit C, a transcript of this conversation.) According to Rodriguez, his "guys" were not happy with the proposed split of cocaine. (Id.) Rodriguez told the UC that "because at least five or six of us have to come along," the UC should not get ten kilograms of cocaine. (Id.)

The following day, on June 27, 2007, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Rodriguez called the UC and told him that he had all

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of his people ready to go. (See Ex. B, ¶ 9.) The UC told Rodriguez that he would call them later that day when he was in the Bronx. At approximately 2:30 p.m., the UC contacted Rodriguez and told him to meet him at a gas station in the Bronx. (Id. ¶ 9.) The UC gave the address of the gas station to Rodriguez. Approximately fifteen minutes later, Rodriguez arrived at the gas station on foot. The UC asked where the rest of the group was, and Rodriguez stated that they were driving around, and that they would not agree to meet the UC. (Id. ¶ 9.) The UC told Rodriguez that he had to meet the other individuals who were going to do the robbery, so they could see what the UC looked like. (Id. ¶ 9.) After discussing this for approximately fifteen minutes, Rodriguez said the he did not want to do the robbery. (Id. ¶ 9.)

Thereafter, the CI placed a telephone call to Rodriguez to reassure him that the UC could be trusted. Following that conversation, Rodriguez called the UC and told him that he, and the other individuals, would come to the gas station approximately five minutes later. (Id. ¶ 10.)

Approximately fifteen minutes later, Rodriguez arrived back at the gas station on foot. (Id. ¶ 11.) Rodriguez got into the car with the UC, and told the UC that they were ready to go pick up his people. (Id. ¶ 11.) The UC drove Rodriguez approximately one or two blocks, and then Rodriguez got out of the car, and into a vehicle driven by Cirrasquillo. Cirrasquillo thereafter pulled his vehicle over to the side of the road, and instructed the UC to wait. Approximately two minutes later, Cirrasquillo pulled into the street, and the UC observed a Range Rover pull in behind him. (Id. ¶ 11.) The UC proceeded to a pre-determined location inside a storage facility, and was followed by the vehicle driven by Cirrasquillo and the Range Rover.

When the UC arrived at the storage facility, the two vehicles parked outside the facility. (Id. ¶ 12.) Eventually, the UC drove his car back outside the storage facility, and picked up Rodriguez, and drove him to storage unit where the van was stored. (Id. ¶ 12.) Cirrasquillo, as well as the individuals in the Range Rover, one of whom was Bryant De Los Santos, remained outside the storage facility. (Id. ¶ 12.) Thereafter, the defendants were arrested.

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## DISCUSSION

### I. Applicable Law

#### A. Motion to Dismiss Based On Government Conduct

A motion to dismiss an indictment based on "outrageous" government conduct turns on "whether the governmental conduct, standing alone, is so offensive that it shocks the conscience." United States v. Chin, 934 F.2d 393, 398 (2d Cir. 1991) (citations omitted); see also United States v. Williams, 372 F.3d 96, 111, 112 (2d Cir. 2004); United States v. Cuervelo, 949 F.2d 559, 565 (2d Cir. 1991) ("In federal court, if the government violates a protected right of the defendant, due process principles may bar the government from invoking the judicial process to obtain a conviction," if the government's conduct "reach[ed] a demonstrable level of outrageousness.") (citation omitted; alteration in original). Although certain government conduct could be "so outrageous that common notions of fairness and decency would be offended were judicial processes invoked to obtain a conviction," such a finding is rare. United States v. Berkovich, 168 F.3d 64, 68-69 (2d Cir. 1999) (quoting United States v. Schmidt, 105 F.3d 82, 91 (2d Cir. 1997) (internal quotations and citations omitted)); see also United States v. LaPorta, 46 F.3d 152, 160 (2d Cir. 1994) (finding only one case where a circuit court has found such conduct since 1976). In the Second Circuit, "the defense of outrageous governmental conduct 'in the rare instances when successful, has prevailed to restrain law enforcement activities that involve coercion or outrageous violation of physical integrity.'" United States v. Collins, 755 F. Supp. 110, 111, (S.D.N.Y. 1991) (quoting United States v. Myers, 692 F.2d 823, 837 (2d Cir. 1982) (citations omitted)).

The Second Circuit has routinely found that when government agents conduct a sting operation, it does not violate a defendant's due process rights. Berkovich, 168 F.3d at 69 (holding that when Government conduct does "no more than facilitate a criminal enterprise . . . due process principles are not violated") (quoting Schmidt, 105 F.3d at 92); Schmidt, 105 F.3d at 91 (noting that outrageous conduct ordinarily must involve either coercion or a violation of the defendant's person); United States v. Asencio, 873 F.2d 639, 641 (2d Cir. 1989); United States v. Romano, 706 F.2d 370 (2d Cir. 1983); United States v. Carpentier, 689 F.2d 21, 27 (2d Cir. 1982) (approving government sting operation); Myers, 692 F.2d 823, 837 (2d Cir. 1982) (government's involvement in sting operation did not violate due process); United States v. Nunez-Rios, 622 F.2d 1093 (2d Cir. 1980) (same); United States v. Corcione, 592 F.2d 111, 114-15 (2d Cir. 1979) (reviewing Supreme Court precedents



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and concluding that law enforcement's extensive involvement in operation does not constitute outrageous Government conduct).

## **B. Probable Cause to Arrest**

A warrantless arrest such as the one in this case is fully justified if there is "probable cause when the defendant is put under arrest to believe that an offense has been or is being committed." United States v. Cruz, 834 F.2d 47, 50 (2d Cir. 1987). Probable cause exists "if the law enforcement official, on the basis of the totality of the circumstances, has sufficient knowledge or reasonably trustworthy information to justify a person of reasonable caution in believing that an offense has been or is being committed by the person to be arrested." United States v. Patrick, 899 F.2d 169, 171 (2d Cir. 1990) (citing, inter alia, Brinegar v. United States, 338 U.S. 160, 175-76 (1949) and Illinois v. Gates, 462 U.S. 213, 230-32 (1983)).

Probable cause is a "commonsense, nontechnical" concept that is determined by "the factual and practical considerations of everyday life on which reasonable and prudent men, not legal technicians, act." Ornelas v. United States, 517 U.S. 690, 695 (1996) (quotation omitted). As the Supreme Court explained in Illinois v. Gates:

The process [of determining probable cause] does not deal with hard certainties, but with probabilities. Long before the law of probabilities was articulated as such, practical people formulated certain common-sense conclusions about human behavior; jurors as factfinders are permitted to do the same – and so are law enforcement officers. Finally, the evidence thus collected must be seen and weighed not in terms of library analysis by scholars, but as understood by those versed in the field of law enforcement.

462 U.S. at 231-32 (quotation omitted). As a result, "it is clear that only the probability, and not a prima facie showing, of criminal activity is the standard of probable cause." Id. at 235 (quotation omitted); see also Maryland v. Pringle, 540 U.S. 366, 370 (2003) ("The probable cause standard is incapable of precise definition or quantification into percentages because it deals with probabilities . . . . We have stated . . . that [t]he substance of all the definitions of probable cause is a reasonable ground for belief of guilt.") (internal quotation marks and citations omitted); Hill v. California, 401 U.S. 797, 804 (1971) ("[S]ufficient probability, not certainty, is the touchstone of reasonableness under the Fourth Amendment.");

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United States v. Cruz, 834 F.2d at 50 (to establish probable cause, "it is not necessary to make a prima facie showing of criminal activity or to demonstrate that it is more probable than not that a crime has been or is being committed") (quotation omitted).

The presence or absence of probable cause must be determined from the totality of the circumstances. See Gates, 462 U.S. at 238. That determination is inherently fact-specific, and does not lend itself to the formulation or application of specific rules or tests. Thus, this Court has explained that "[p]robable cause is a flexible term. There is no rigid demand that specific tests be satisfied." Tenenbaum v. Williams, 193 F.3d 581, 603 (2d Cir. 1999) (quotations omitted). Moreover, the information known to the officers at the time need not appear sufficient to support a conviction, or even be admissible in court. See Adams v. Williams, 407 U.S. 143, 149 (1972) ("Probable cause does not require the same type of specific evidence of each element of the offense as would be needed to support a conviction. Rather, the court will evaluate generally the circumstances at the time of the arrest to decide if the officer had probable cause for his action.").

Moreover, "[p]robable cause issues are to be decided on an objective basis by courts without regard to the subjective beliefs of law enforcement officers, whatever those beliefs may have been." Craig v. Singletary, 127 F.3d 1030, 1042 (11th Cir. 1997) (en banc); see also United States v. Scopo, 19 F.3d 777, 783-85 (2d Cir. 1994) (analysis of Fourth Amendment issues involves "an objective assessment of the officer's actions in light of the facts and circumstances confronting him at the time and not on the officer's actual state of mind at the time the challenged action was taken.") (citations omitted); United States v. Ochs, 595 F.2d 1247, 1256 (2d Cir. 1979) ("[T]he test is what could lawfully be done, not what the policemen thought the source of their power to be."). Thus, as this Court explained in Scopo, so long as the arresting officer had probable cause to believe an offense was being committed, and "was authorized by state or municipal law to effect a custodial arrest for the particular offense, the resulting arrest will not violate the fourth amendment." United States v. Scopo, 19 F.3d at 784.

### **C. Legal Standards for Knowingly Waiving Miranda Warnings**

Miranda warnings are required prior to police interrogation "after a person has been taken into custody or otherwise deprived of his freedom of action in any significant way." Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436, 444 (1966). Statements made by a defendant after the administration of Miranda warnings are admissible, if the defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives

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his rights. See United States v. Jaswal, 47 F.3d 539, 542 (2d Cir. 1995) (per curiam). "To prove a valid waiver [of Miranda warnings], the government must show (1) that the relinquishment of the defendant's rights was voluntary, and (2) that the defendant had a full awareness of the right being waived and of the consequences of waiving that right." Jaswal, 47 F.3d at 542. "Only if the totality of the circumstances 'reveals both an uncoerced choice and the requisite level of comprehension may a court properly conclude that the Miranda rights have been waived.'" United States v. Male Juvenile, 121 F.3d 34, 41 (2d Cir. 1997) (quoting authority omitted). "A voluntary relinquishment of a right occurs when the relinquishment is the 'product of a free and deliberate choice rather than intimidation, coercion, or deception.'" Male Juvenile, 121 F.3d at 41 (quoting authority omitted).

A similar "totality of the circumstances" approach is required in the context of an alleged language barrier. See, e.g., Jaswal, 47 F.3d at 542; Campaneria v. Reid, 891 F.2d 1014, 1020 (2d Cir. 1989) ("Even though his proficiency in the English language may have been limited, it did not prevent him from making a knowing and intelligent waiver of his constitutional rights."); United States v. Todisco, 667 F.2d 255, 260 (2d Cir. 1981) (affirming the district court's rejection of a claim by the defendant that he did not understand English based on the defendant's conduct during the investigation and in-court); United States v. Diallo, 2006 WL 3373173, at \*1 (2d Cir. Nov. 21, 2006) (unpublished opinion) (same); United States v. Bing-Gong, 594 F. Supp. 248, 256-57 (N.D.N.Y. 1984), aff'd sub nom., 788 F.2d 4 (2d Cir. 1986).

## II. Application

### A. Cabrera and Abriham's Joint Motion to Dismiss the Indictment Should Be Denied

Defendants Cabrera and Abriham move to dismiss the indictment based on alleged "outrageous" conduct by the Government because "the crimes alleged against the defendants were manufactured solely by the government, from start to finish." (Defs.' Mot. ¶¶ 1, 2.) For the reasons that follow, the motion should be denied.

The premise of the defendants' motion is that this crime was "manufactured" by the Government. This is false. As alleged in the Complaint, a confidential informant told the government about a group of individuals he had committed robberies with in the past. (Compl. ¶ 3.) He knew Lorenzo Rodriguez, a/k/a "Flaco," to be one of the organizers of this group, who was also able to recruit other individuals to assist



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in robberies. (Id. ¶ 3.) Thereafter, a series of consensually recorded and monitored telephone calls were made between the CI, and undercover, and defendant Rodriguez. In those calls, Rodriguez, the CI, and the undercover discuss a robbery. Eventually, the Undercover meets at a hotel with Rodriguez and defendant Jose Cirrasquillo, a/k/a "Tio," to further discuss the robbery. (Id. ¶¶ 7, 8.) During this time, Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo actively discuss the robbery with the UC, discuss how they have been involved in robberies in the past, and the procedure that they would use for this robbery. This included bringing others to assist them in the robbery. (Id.) This conduct by law enforcement is not "so extensive and outrageous" "that due process would prohibit conviction of the defendants." Corcione, 592 F.2d at 115.

Indeed, the Supreme Court has found no due process violations where the Government supplied "an essential and scarce" chemical necessary for the manufacture of methamphetamine, United States v. Russell, 411 U.S. 423, 431-32 (1973), as well as where the Government supplied heroin (from an informant) to the defendant for sale to an agent, Hampton v. United States, 425 U.S. 484, 488-90 (1976). The Second Circuit has also consistently found no due process violation in cases where the Government involvement is much greater than here. See, e.g., Berkovich, 168 F.3d at 69 (Government opened a bank account for the defendant to deposit fraudulent funds); Schmidt, 105 F.3d at 92 ("We recognize the government's involvement in Schmidt's plan was extensive. Inspector Cuff posed as a hit man and talked with Schmidt in that capacity and federal agents actually conducted a controlled breakout from Rikers Island."); Corcione, 592 F.2d at 114 (no due process violation where "Government informant not only bought and took delivery of the heroin in Bangkok but purchased the identical suitcases with the secret compartments and stuffed the heroin into one of the suitcases, a DEA agent transported that suitcase containing all of the heroin into the United States, the DEA refilled the secret compartment of that suitcase with the soap powder plus a small amount of the same heroin, the DEA switched the suitcases at Kennedy Airport, putting the suitcase containing a small amount of the heroin into the informant's possession, and the informant brought this suitcase through customs, turning it over later to the defendant"). Further, defendants' Cabrera and Abriham have failed to show how the Government's conduct as it involves them is "outrageous." Cabrera and Abriham were expecting to rob a drug dealer of 25 kilograms of cocaine. The fact that there were no drugs to rob does not constitute outrageous Government conduct. Indeed, the defendants could have said "no" at anytime. See United States v. Myers, 635 F.2d 932, 939 (2d Cir. 1980) ("Any Member of Congress approached by agents conducting a bribery sting operation can simply say 'No.'").

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The cases cited by the defendants do not require a different result. As a preliminary matter, the defendants fail to cite to a single Second Circuit case, much less one where the Court found "outrageous" Government conduct requiring dismissal of an indictment. Further, the cases cited by defendants, mostly from the 1970s and early 1980s, are inapposite. In each of these cases, the Government's involvement was much more problematic than the facts in this case. (See Defs.' Br. at 2 - 6.) For example, defendants point to United States v. Lard, 734 F.2d 1290 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1984), in support of their position. In Lard, a Government agent assisted the defendant in making a pipe bomb, even though the defendant has shown a disinterest in the crime. 734 F.2d at 1297. Obviously, the defendants in this case did not show any disinterest in this crime. In addition, in State v. Hohensee, 650 S.W.2d 268 (1982), the state court found problematic the fact that law enforcement actually participated in a robbery. Again, these facts are much different than the facts at issue in this case. In this case, there was no drug dealer to rob, and law enforcement made sure that innocent individuals would not be harmed.<sup>1</sup> In sum, the cases cited by the defendants in support of their position actually do the opposite. These cases are examples of Government action that is much more involved than the facts of this case. Here, the defendants were part of a robbery crew that were showing up to do their job - commit a robbery. They cannot claim "outrageous" Government conduct simply because there was no victim.

For these reasons, the defendants' motion should be denied.

**B. De Los Santos' Motion Should Be Denied Without a Hearing**

The affirmation submitted by De Los Santos' attorney in support of his motion (the "Aidala Affirmation") seeks suppression of the defendant's post-arrest statements, as well as any physical evidence taken from the defendant in connection with his arrest. The Aidala Affirmation asserts that the "sole basis for arresting [De Los Santos] was his presence in the vehicle near the location where the two co-defendants, [Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo], had arranged to meet the UC." (Aidala Aff. At 2.)

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<sup>1</sup> Further, the procedural posture of these cases are different than the motion the Court is considering in this case. These cases were decided after trial. See United States v. Lard, 734 F.2d 1290 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1984) (defendants convicted after trial); United States v. Twigg, 588 F.2d 373 (3d Cir. 1978) (same); United States v. West, 511 F.2d 1083 (3d Cir. 1975) (same); State v. Hohensee, 650 S.W.2d 268 (Mo. 1982) (same).

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This conclusory assertion in the Aidala Affirmation ignores much of the facts in the complaint, including, inter alia, (1) the fact that law enforcement expected 4 or 5 other individuals to come with Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo to the robbery, (2) that Rodriguez told the UC the night before at the hotel that he was going to be bringing other guys with him, (3) that Rodriguez had contacted the UC on the telephone the night before and told him that five or six individuals would be present at the robbery. (See Ex. B, ¶¶ 8, 9, Ex. C.) Even more significantly, it also ignores the fact that the Range Rover the defendant was riding in followed the UC, Rodriguez, and Cirrasquillo for several blocks, for several turns, to the storage facility where the group was going to meet to do the robbery. This is not, as the Aidala Affirmation claims, a case where the defendant was arrested for being in the wrong place at the wrong time. See Patrick, 899 F.2d at 171. Rather, there were several important and relevant facts that gave law enforcement probable cause to believe that De Los Santos was part of the conspiracy to rob the drug dealer.

Law enforcement knew, based on the investigation up to that point, that between five and six individuals were going to meet at the storage facility to go do the robbery. Law enforcement knew, based on conversations between the UC and Rodriguez, that he had gotten five or six "guys" to help with the robbery. (See Ex. C.) Then, the day of the take down, after Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo were ready to go to do the robbery, they instructed the UC to wait on the side of the road. Then, approximately two minutes later, Cirrasquillo pulled into traffic, followed by the Range Rover that the defendant was riding in. Thereafter, the Range Rover followed the UC and Cirrasquillo for several blocks, until they stopped at the pre-determined meeting location - a storage facility in the Bronx. Thus, the defendant was not arrested merely based upon his presence at the take down. These facts establish probable cause. See Ornelas, 517 U.S. at 695; United States v. Barlin, 686 F.2d 81, 87 (2d Cir. 1982) (probable cause exists even though agents unfamiliar with individual arrested due to all of the circumstances of the investigation to that point); Scopo, 19 F.3d at 784.

In United States v. Munoz, 738 F. Supp. 800 (S.D.N.Y. 1990), the court considered whether probable cause existed to arrest a passenger sitting in a jeep with a suspected kidnapper. Munoz, 738 F. Supp. at 802 (cited with approval in United States v. Tehrani, 686 F.2d 54, 60 (2d Cir. 1995)). The court found probable cause existed, noting that the agents' observations and knowledge about the case "constituted probable cause for believing that [the defendant] 'was not just a mere innocent traveling companion but was traveling and acting in concert'" in the kidnaping. Id. (quoting Patrick, 899 F.2d at 172). The

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court continued, finding that the agents were aware that several individuals were probably involved in the kidnaping, and that it was logical for agents to suspect several members of the kidnaping team to be present due, in part, to the fact that the kidnapers had threatened violence. Id. The court found that, by the time the defendant was placed under arrest, he "was no longer just a bystander in the eyes of the objective 'person of reasonable caution.'" Id. The facts of this case are similar. At the time of his arrest, law enforcement had not just observed De Los Santos sitting in the Range Rover. Law enforcement knew that several individuals would be present at the storage facility to participate in the robbery. De Los Santos had been in a car that had followed the UC and Cirrasquillo for several blocks, exactly as Rodriguez had told the UC it would happen. These facts give rise to probable cause. See also Cruz, 834 F.2d at 50.

The cases cited in the Aidala Affirmation do not require a different result. (See Aidala Affirmation at 3 - 6.) These cases stand for the unremarkable proposition that mere presence at the scene of a crime is not enough to establish probable cause. These cases stand for the proposition that "a person's mere propinquity to others independently suspected of criminal activity does not, without more, give rise to probable cause to search that person." Patrick, 899 F.2d at 171 (citing Ybarra v. Illinois, 444 U.S. 85, 91 (1978)) (emphasis in original). The Government does not assert anything different. As discussed above, De Los Santos was not arrested for being in the same vicinity as Rodriguez and Cirrasquillo. Probable cause to arrest De Los Santos existed because law enforcement believed that a crime had been committed because he was part of the robbery crew that was traveling to the storage facility so they could commit a robbery. See Cruz 834 F.2d at 50.

Finally, the Court does not need to conduct an evidentiary hearing to decide this motion. It is well-settled that a defendant who moves to suppress evidence is not entitled to an evidentiary hearing unless he supports his motion with "moving papers [that] are sufficiently definite, specific, detailed, and nonconjectural to enable the court to conclude that contested issues of fact going to the validity of the search are in question." United States v. Pena, 961 F.2d 333, 339 (2d Cir. 1992); see also United States v. Jailall, No. 00 Cr. 069, 2000 WL 1368055, at \* 8 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 20, 2000) ("defendant must show that disputed issues of material fact exist that require an evidentiary hearing."); United States v. Viscioso, 711 F. Supp. 740, 745 (S.D.N.Y. 1989) (defendant only has right to a suppression hearing when disputed issues of material fact are shown). Here, the defendant submitted an affidavit claiming that "he was in the rear seat of a vehicle in which three other persons were present," that later he "was placed under arrest."



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(De Los Santos Aff. Pg. 1). De Los Santos continues by claiming that he was separated from the other individuals who were arrested, that he was questioned at length by the police, "given a written waiver" of his rights which he signed. (*Id.*). Indeed, nothing in his statement indicates law enforcement's conduct during the course of his interview violated any of the defendant's rights. Hence, there are no contested issues of fact, De Los Santos only contends that the facts, as alleged, do not give rise to probable cause. Therefore, he is not entitled to an evidentiary hearing.<sup>2</sup>

**B. The Government Respectfully Requests That the Court Conduct a Hearing With Respect to Demi Abriham's Motion to Suppress His Post Arrest Statement**

Demi Abriham submitted an affidavit claiming that he was asked questions by the police prior to signing a waiver of rights form. Therefore, the Government respectfully requests that the Court conduct a hearing, at which the Government expects to call, among other witnesses, the officers who were present during the questioning of Abriham, who will testify about the circumstances surrounding the defendant's post-arrest statement.

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<sup>2</sup> The motion also asks the Government to provide Brady and Giglio material. As the Government has already informed the defendant, the Government recognizes its obligations under Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), and its progeny. To date, the Government is unaware of any Brady material regarding the defendant, but will provide timely disclosure if any such material comes to light. The Government will provide material under Giglio v. United States, 405 U.S. 150, 154 (1972), and its progeny, in a timely manner. The motion also seeks to preclude the Government from introducing evidence pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 404(b). The Government has not provided notice that it intends to introduce such evidence. To the extent the Government does intend to introduce 404(b) evidence, it will provide appropriate notice in a timely manner.

The Honorable Harold Baer  
November 12, 2007  
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**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, the Government submits De Los Santos' motion should be denied without a hearing, that defendants Cabrera and Abriham's motion to dismiss the indictment should be denied without a hearing, and that the Court conduct an evidentiary hearing with respect to Abriham's motion to suppress his post-arrest statement.

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# Exhibit A

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Before: THE HONORABLE GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN  
 United States Magistrate Judge  
 Southern District of New York

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

: COMPLAINT

- v -

: Violation of  
18 U.S.C. §§ 1951,  
and 2

JUAN HERRERA,  
 a/k/a "Flaco,"  
 a/k/a "Santos Rodriguez,"  
 JOSE CIRRASQUILLO,  
 a/k/a "Tio,"  
 DEMI ABRIHAM,  
 a/k/a "300,"  
 BRYANT DE LOS SANTOS,

: COUNTY OF OFFENSE:  
BRONX

: Defendants.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ss.:

PETER SHANHAI, being sworn, deposes and says that he is  
 a Detective with the New York City Police Department ("NYPD"),  
 and charges as follows:

COUNT ONE

1. From in or about June 7, 2007, up to and including June 27, 2007, in the Southern District of New York, JUAN HERRERA, a/k/a "Flaco," a/k/a "Santos Rodriguez," JOSE CIRRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Tio," DEMI ABRIHAM, a/k/a "300," BRYANT DE LOS SANTOS, the defendants, and others known and unknown, unlawfully, willfully and knowingly, conspired to commit robbery, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(b)(1), to wit, the defendants, and others known and unknown, conspired to rob a cocaine dealer of approximately 25 kilograms of cocaine in the Bronx, and would thereby have obstructed, delayed and affected commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(b)(3).

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951 and 2.)



The bases for my knowledge and the foregoing charge are, in part, as follows:

2. I am a Detective with the NYPD, assigned to the ATF/NYPD Joint Firearms Taskforce, and I have been personally involved in the investigation of this matter. This affidavit is based upon my conversations with other law-enforcement agents, and my examination of reports and records. Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, it does not include all the facts that I have learned during the course of my investigation. Where the contents of documents and the actions, statements and conversations of others are reported herein, they are reported in substance and in part, except where otherwise indicated.

3. In early June 2007, a confidential informant ("CI") told law enforcement about a group of individuals who he had committed robberies with in the past. According to the CI, he knew one of the individuals as "Flaco," later identified as JUAN HERRERA, a/k/a "Flaco," a/k/a "Santos Rodriguez," the defendant.<sup>1</sup> "Flaco," according to the CI, was the organizer of the group, and was able to recruit other individuals to assist in robberies.

4. On or about June 7, 2007, the CI made a consensually monitored and recorded telephone call to "Flaco" to discuss setting up a robbery. During the course of that conversation, the CI told "Flaco" that he knew an individual who knew where a large quantity of cocaine was kept. The CI and "Flaco" discussed, among other things, arranging to do the "job" at a later date.

5. Over the course of the next several weeks, the CI contacted "Flaco" on the telephone on several occasions. Each of these telephone calls were consensually monitored and recorded by law enforcement. During the course of these conversations, the CI and "Flaco" continued to discuss stealing the cocaine. In addition, during two of these telephone calls, an undercover ("UC") special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives ("ATF"), was introduced to "Flaco" over the telephone by the CI. The CI told "Flaco" that the UC would fly to New York from Puerto Rico to provide information on where several kilograms of cocaine would be delivered. The UC also contacted "Flaco" on several occasions, and eventually told "Flaco" that he was coming to New York.

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<sup>1</sup> Information previously given by the CI has been corroborated by law enforcement and deemed reliable.

6. On or about June 25, 2007, the CI and the UC contacted "Flaco" and arranged to meet at a hotel the following day. On June 26, 2007, at approximately 2:00 p.m., the UC contacted "Flaco," and told him that he was staying at a hotel near JFK airport. During the course of this conversation, the UC told "Flaco" to bring all of the people who were going to be part of the robbery. The UC told "Flaco" that he wanted to meet them to make sure they knew who he was.

7. At approximately 5:00 p.m. on June 26, 2007, JUAN HERRERA, a/k/a "Flaco," a/k/a "Santos Rodriguez," and JOSE CIRRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Tio," the defendants, came to the hotel room to meet with the UC. This meeting was recorded using audio and video equipment. I was simultaneously monitoring this meeting in a room next door to where the meeting took place. In addition, following the meeting, I debriefed the UC about the meeting. Based on the monitoring, and my debriefing of the UC, I have learned the following:

a. The UC told HERRERA and CIRRASQUILLO that he worked for a company that transported cocaine for a group of Colombians. The UC told HERRERA and CIRRASQUILLO that his organization was upset with the Colombians because they were not getting paid. This, according to the UC, was why the UC wanted to steal the cocaine. The UC asked HERRERA and CIRRASQUILLO if this job was too big for them, and they said that it was not.

b. The UC told HERRERA and CIRRASQUILLO that he picks up between 25 and 30 kilograms of cocaine every few months in New York for this organization. HERRERA and CIRRASQUILLO asked the UC what he typically does with the cocaine after he picks it up. The UC informed the defendants that he drives the cocaine to Miami, Florida.

c. The UC told HERRERA and CIRRASQUILLO that he picks up the cocaine from a location in the Bronx. The UC told them that he would not learn the location of the house until the following morning.

d. The UC told HERRERA and CIRRASQUILLO that the way the organization operates is that if he leaves the location with the cocaine, then he is responsible for it. Therefore, the robbery had to take place at the location where the drugs were stored. The UC told HERRERA and CIRRASQUILLO that there would be three individuals inside the house, and that at least one of the individuals would be armed.

e. HERRERA and CIRRASQUILLO discussed how the

robbery would take place. The defendants told the UC that they would enter the location, order everyone to the ground, and tie up everyone. They also told the UC that they would tie him up as well, so that it did not look suspicious. In addition, CIRRASQUILLO told the UC that he would take the UC's chain and watch to protect the UC. When describing the way they would enter the house, CIRRASQUILLO made a motion with his hands appearing to be carrying a firearm. HERRERA and CIRRASQUILLO also asked the UC about the neighborhood where the robbery would take place.

f. The UC asked HERRERA and CIRRASQUILLO how many other individuals were going to participate in the robbery. CIRRASQUILLO responded that he was going to recruit two or three other individuals.

g. The UC discussed with HERRERA and CIRRASQUILLO how they would divide the proceeds of the robbery. They agreed that the UC would get 10 kilograms of cocaine, and the other participants would receive the rest. They agreed that if there was more than 30 kilograms of cocaine, they would further negotiate a different split.

h. The UC told HERRERA and CIRRASQUILLO to have everyone available the following day by 12:00 p.m., and told them that he would call HERRERA at approximately 2:00 p.m. and tell them where to meet in the Bronx. The UC told the defendants that he would receive a telephone call at approximately 3:00 p.m. with the location of the cocaine. He also told them that, prior to doing the robbery, he was going to provide them with a van for them to use during the robbery. The UC told HERRERA and CIRRASQUILLO that they should return the van, with his share of the cocaine, to the same location after the robbery.

8. Following the meeting at the hotel on June 26, 2007, JUAN HERRERA, a/k/a "Flaco," a/k/a "Santos Rodriguez," the defendant, called the UC at approximately 9:30 p.m. This telephone call was recorded. During the course of this conversation, HERRERA told the UC that he had discussed the plan with his people, and that HERRERA believed that the UC's share of the cocaine was excessive. HERRERA said, in part and in substance, that the participants in the robbery would only receive 5 kilograms of cocaine, and that is not enough. The UC told HERRERA that he would discuss the situation with everyone the following day.

9. On June 27, 2007, at approximately 1:00 p.m. JUAN HERRERA, a/k/a "Flaco," a/k/a "Santos Rodriguez," the defendant, called the UC and told him that he had all of his people ready to

go. The UC told HERRERA that he would call them later that day when he was in the Bronx. At approximately 2:30 p.m., the UC contacted HERRERA and told him to meet him at a gas station in the Bronx. The UC gave the address of the gas station to HERRERA. Approximately fifteen minutes later, HERRERA arrived at the gas station on foot. The UC asked where the rest of the group was, and HERRERA stated that they were driving around, and that they would not agree to meet the UC. The UC told HERRERA that he had to meet the other individuals who were going to do the robbery, so they could see what the UC looked like. After discussing this for approximately fifteen minutes, HERRERA said the he did not want to do the robbery.

10. Thereafter, the CI placed a telephone call to JUAN HERRERA, a/k/a "Flaco," a/k/a "Santos Rodriguez," the defendant, to reassure HERRERA that the UC could be trusted. Following that conversation, HERRERA called the UC and told him that he, and the other individuals, would come to the gas station approximately five minutes later.

11. Approximately fifteen minutes later, JUAN HERRERA, a/k/a "Flaco," a/k/a "Santos Rodriguez," the defendant, arrived back at the gas station on foot. HERRERA got into the car with the UC, and told the UC that they were ready to go pick up his people. The UC drove HERRERA approximately one or two blocks, and HERRERA got out of the car, and into a vehicle driven by JOSE CIRRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Tio," the defendant. CIRRASQUILLO pulled his vehicle over to the side of the road, and instructed the UC to wait. Approximately two minutes later, CIRRASQUILLO pulled into the street, and the UC observed a Range Rover pull in behind him. The UC proceeded to a pre-determined location inside a storage facility, and was followed by the vehicle driven by CIRRASQUILLO and the Range Rover.

12. When the UC arrived at the storage facility, the two vehicles parked outside the facility. Eventually, the UC drove his car back outside the storage facility, and picked up JUAN HERRERA, a/k/a "Flaco," a/k/a "Santos Rodriguez," the defendant, and drove him to storage unit where the van was stored. JOSE CIRRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Tio," remained outside the storage facility. Two of the other individuals in the Range Rover, later identified as DEMI ABRIHAM, a/k/a "300," and BRYANT DE LOS SANTOS, the defendants, also remained in their vehicle. Thereafter, the defendants were arrested.

13. Following the defendants' arrests, they were taken to ATF offices. After taking BRYANT DE LOS SANTOS, the defendant, to the ATF offices, he was read and waived his Miranda rights. He stated, in substance and in part, that he was



contacted by JOSE CIRRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Tio," the defendant, on June 26, 2007, who told him that he knew an individual who knew where there was 25 to 30 kilograms of cocaine. According to DE LOS SANTOS, CIRRASQUILLO told him that they were going to steal the cocaine. DE LOS SANTOS also stated that CIRRASQUILLO asked him if he was interested, and also if he knew of any others who were interested in participating in the robbery. DE LOS SANTOS also stated that later on June 26, 2007, he went to the home of DEMI ABRIHAM, a/k/a "300," and told DEMI that CIRRASQUILLO is planning a robbery of 25 to 30 kilograms of cocaine, and asked DEMI if he wanted to participate. DE LOS SANTOS also stated, in part and in substance, that his and DEMI's job during the robbery was to be a look out and to drive the getaway car.

14. After taking DEMI ABRIHAM, a/k/a "300," the defendant, to the ATF offices, he was read and waived his Miranda rights. He stated, in substance and in part, that BRYANT DE LOS SANTOS, the defendant, contacted him on June 26, 2007, and asked him if he wanted to participate in a robbery of 25 to 30 kilograms of cocaine, and ABRIHAM agreed to participate in the robbery. ABRIHAM also stated that he knows that JOSE CIRRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Tio," the defendant, often robs drug dealers.

WHEREFORE, deponent respectfully requests that JUAN HERRERA, a/k/a "Flaco," a/k/a "Santos Rodriguez," JOSE CIRRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Tio," DEMI ABRIHAM, a/k/a "300," BRYANT DE LOS SANTOS, the defendants, be imprisoned or bailed, as the case may be.



PETER SHANHAI  
Detective, New York City  
Police Department

Sworn to before me this JUN 27 2007  
\_\_ day of June, 2007.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN  
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# Exhibit B

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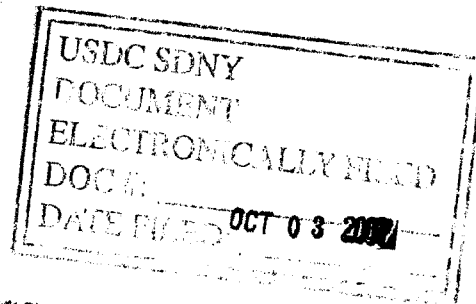
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DEMI ABRIHAM,  
a/k/a "300,"  
BRYANT DE LOS SANTOS,  
PEDRO CABRERA,  
a/k/a "Pete,"

Defendants.

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: **INDICTMENT**

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COUNT ONE

The Grand Jury charges:

1. From in or about June 7, 2007, up through and including September 2007, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, LORENZO RODRIGUEZ, a/k/a "Flaco," JOSE CIRRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Tio," DEMI ABRAHAM, a/k/a "300," BRYANT DE LOS SANTOS, and PEDRO CABRERA, a/k/a "Pete," the defendants, and others known and unknown, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly conspired to commit robbery, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(b)(1), to wit, the defendants, and others known and unknown, conspired to rob a cocaine dealer of approximately 25 kilograms of cocaine in the Bronx, and would thereby have obstructed, delayed and affected commerce and the

movement of articles and commodities in commerce, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(b)(3).

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951 and 2.)

COUNT TWO

The Grand Jury further charges:

2. From in or about June 7, 2007, up through and including September 2007, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, LORENZO RODRIGUEZ, a/k/a "Flaco," JOSE CIRRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Tio," DEMI ABRAHAM, a/k/a "300," BRYANT DE LOS SANTOS, PEDRO CABRERA, a/k/a "Pete," the defendants, and others known and unknown, unlawfully, intentionally and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and with each other to violate the narcotics laws of the United States.

3. It was a part and an object of said conspiracy that LORENZO RODRIGUEZ, a/k/a "Flaco," JOSE CIRRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Tio," DEMI ABRAHAM, a/k/a "300," BRYANT DE LOS SANTOS, and PEDRO CABRERA, a/k/a "Pete," the defendants, and others known and unknown, would and did distribute and possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, to wit, 5 kilograms and more of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of cocaine, in violation of Sections 812, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(A) of Title 21, United States Code.

Overt Acts

4. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the illegal object thereof, the following overt acts, among others,

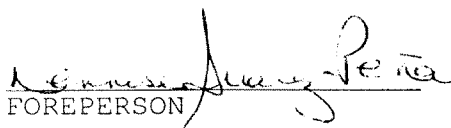



were committed in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere:

a. On or about June 26, 2007, in Queens, New York, LORENZO RODRIGUEZ, a/k/a "Flaco," JOSE CIRRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Tio," the defendants, met at a hotel and discussed a plan to rob individuals they believed to be in possession of approximately 25 to 30 kilograms of cocaine.

b. On or about June 27, 2007, in Bronx, New York, LORENZO RODRIGUEZ, a/k/a "Flaco," JOSE CIRRASQUILLO, a/k/a "Tio," DEMI ABRAHAM, a/k/a "300," BRYANT DE LOS SANTOS, and PEDRO CABRERA, a/k/a "Pete," the defendants, traveled to the vicinity of a storage facility in Bronx, New York, to meet with other individuals to go and rob individuals they believed to be in possession of approximately 25 to 30 kilograms of cocaine.

(Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.)

  
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BRYANT DE LOS SANTOS,  
PEDRO CABRERA,  
a/k/a "Pete,"

Defendants.

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INDICTMENT

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(18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 1951,  
21 U.S.C. § 846.)

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# Exhibit C

**DRAFT**

CASE: U.S. v. RODRÍGUEZ

CALL NO.: E-000008

DATE: JUNE 26, 2007

TIME: 9:30 P.M.

TEL. NO.: (718) 679-1909

PARTICIPANTS: FLACO LNU  
UNDERCOVER

ABBREVIATIONS: [U/I] = Unintelligible in English  
[I/I] = Unintelligible in Spanish  
[PH] = Phonetic Spelling

	<b><u>ENGLISH TRANSLATION</u></b>	<b><u>ORIGINAL LANGUAGE</u></b>
FLACO LNU	Hello.	Hello.
UNDERCOVER	What's going on, partner.	Dime, <i>partner</i> .
FLACO LNU	What's going on? Are you eating?	¿Qué es lo que hay? ¿Estás comiendo?
UNDERCOVER	No, I'm here with my...with my broad. She's inside the store. What's going on, brother?	No, estoy aquí con la... con la "jevita". Está adentro en la tienda. ¿Qué pasó, <i>brother</i> ?
FLACO LNU	Well, I'm calling you to tell you that I have everything set up, but there's a small problem.	No, yo te estoy llamando, yo tengo todo "seteado", pero hay un pequeño problemita.
UNDERCOVER	What happened?	¿Qué pasó?
FLACO LNU	These guys are not to happy with the...with the...with the way we're going to split it. I don't	Estos muchachos no están muy de acuerdo con... con la... con la repartidera. Yo no sé.

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	know. What do you think?	¿Qué tú crees?
UNDERCOVER	What happened now?	¿El qué <i>now</i> ?
FLACO LNU	With the...with...with...with the split.	Con la... con... con... con la repartidera.
UNDERCOVER	What? I don't understand...	¿Cómo? Que yo no entien...
	[Voices overlap]	[Interposición de voces]
FLACO LNU	They're saying that what we're going to get is very...very little on this end. Because at least five or six of us have to come along. You understand? Because the thing, you know, is very, very tight.	Ellos dicen que vamos a tocar muy... muy poco de este lado. Porque tenemos que ir por lo menos cinco o seis. ¿Tú entiendes? Porque la cosa, tú sabes, es apretadísima.
UNDERCOVER	Right. Are you talking about fire?	Ajá. ¿Tú estás hablando de fuego?
FLACO LNU	No, no, no, no, no. Really...well, we're going to come, you know, because you know that over there...you know what's there.	No, no, no, no, no. Realmente... no, vamos a ir, tú sabes, porque tú sabes que allá... tú sabes lo que hay.
UNDERCOVER	Right. So what's the problem then.	Ajá. ¿Qué problema entonces?
FLACO LNU	I'm saying that they feel that if they give you...if...that if you take ten pairs of pants it's too much.	Que ellos dicen que si te dan... si... si tú coges diez pantalones es demasiado.
UNDERCOVER	Why?	¿Por qué?
	[Voices overlap]	[Interposición de voces]
FLACO LNU	They say why don't you take just eight, at least that. I spoke to them, you understand?	Que porque tú no coges ocho por lo menos. Yo hablé con ellos, ¿tú entiendes?



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UNDERCOVER	Well, tomorrow we'll talk about it. You bring your people and tomorrow we'll talk about it and... and we'll reach an agreement.	Bueno, mañana hablamos de eso entonces. Tú traes tú gente y mañana hablamos y... y nos ponemos de acuerdo.
FLACO LNU	Well all right. No problem.	Pues está todo. No hay problema.
UNDERCOVER	Yes, so then I'll call you tomorrow like at...let's say at 1:30. Let me tell you, I'll be ready since 12:00, but I'm going to call you like at 1:30, around there, brother.	Sí, yo te llamo entonces mañana como... vamos a decir una y media. Estoy listo ya desde la doce te dije, pero te voy a llamar como a la una y media por ahí, <i>brother</i> .
FLACO LNU	All set. No problem.	Está todo. No hay problema.
UNDERCOVER	O.K. I'll call you.	O.K. Yo te llamo.
FLACO LNU	O.K.	O.K.
UNDERCOVER	Chill.	Tranquilo.
	[END OF CALL]	[FIN DE LA LLAMADA]
AGENT		<i>The date is Tuesday, June 26, 2007. The time's approximately 9:30 P.M. Previous telephone call was placed to target Flaco, returning a missed call from his cell phone, phone number of (718) 679-1909.</i>